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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Torpedo boat Moccasin is still ashore at Currituck. —— Senator Morgan spoke in opposition to the ratification of the canal treaty with Panama, after Senator Teller had concluded his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill. —— Colombian troops are reported landed to open a way over the mountains into Panama; other troops are said to be converging on Panama. —— The War Department is ready to dispatch troops to the Isthmus on short notice; all military plans to repel an invasion have been perfected. —— Russian warships have arrived at Chemulpo, Corea, to prevent the proposed opening of Yongampho to the commerce of the world. —— Town of Abbott, Texas, almost wiped out by fire. —— Two negroes at Memphis killed each other in a hand-to-hand fight. —— Southern Hosiery Manufacturers' Association have advanced prices five per cent. —— The two-masted schooner American Patriot, Capt. Charles Waters, was run into by the steamer Norfolk, of the Norfolk and Washington Line, off Fort Hunt, Va., yesterday and sunk; her captain and crew of two men saved. —— New York markets: Money on call was firm at 4@6 per cent; cotton steady at 12.40c; flour was quieter and unsettled; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red 90½c; corn—spot steady, No 2 50½; oats—spot dull, No. 2 41½; rosin steady; strained common to good $3.65; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 9.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 45 degrees; 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 50 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .39; rainfall since first of the month to date, .99.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 2.5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—For North Carolina: Rain or snow Thursday; fresh to brisk westerly winds; Friday fair.

Port Almanac—December 10.

Sun Rises	6.59 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 47 M.
High Water at Southport.	12.18 P. M.
" Wilmington.	2.48 P. M.

It that President Roosevelt Ray Stanard Baker when he dined at the White House?

By sending in General Wood's nomination for Major General again, Roosevelt would be after believing that General Brooke is a modern Annanias.

Continue the open door of hope for Crum and leave one more hole for Wood to crawl in, is what Roosevelt means by again sending in their nomination to the Senate.

Having an eye on President Roosevelt's message as to the Panama matter, he impresses us as much with his easy gliding plausability as he has astonished us with his unvarying indiscretions.

If Roosevelt and Payne hurry up with the prosecution of the post office department grafters, they may serve out their terms in time to get in the swim when the Panama canal floodgate is opened by the Great Gasteropod of Graft.

The gore of the President's ox must be serious. The Philadelphia *Press* (Republican) berates the Senate for getting Congressional business into such a tangle that a Philadelphia lawyer will take a long time to get at the end of the skein.

The STAR craves the recognition of the chair long enough to remark again that with new men and old principles as against centralization on one hand and paternalism on the other, the Democratic party will be able to stand four-legged on the hustings in next year's campaign.

President Roosevelt invited Roy Stanard Baker, the newspaper man whose testimony was favorable to Gen. Wood, to dine with him at the White House. It is hoped that the honor paid to Roy will not cause other witnesses to fish for a Presidential invitation. The President at least might have dined the Baker witness on the sly.

Senator Overman has had the good luck of securing a favorable committee report on the bill now before Congress to provide for the Appalachian Forest Reserve in North Carolina. North Carolina's junior senator is starting off well. He is evidently a man of considerable tact, and besides is a good worker.

The Rev. Dr. Dixon in his Thanksgiving sermon at New York lamented the passing of the old-time respect for woman. Said he: "When I was a boy all boys of generous spirit looked up to woman. We fought with fisticuffs to demonstrate in some fashion our worship of her." We boys of this day somewhat mild-like resent this. The fact that we do our stunt with guns now ought to be convincing evidence that we are no slouches in the worship business.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Portner Brewing Co. has the acknowledgement by the STAR of two attractive calendars for the New Year.

— The Health Department, Tuesday evening, established a quarantine for scarlet fever at 616 South Front street. The patient is little Gracie Smith.

— Mr. John J. Jones, representing Hanan & Son, the great shoe manufacturers, is in the city, calling on S. & B. Solomon, the sole agents for the Hanan Shoe in Wilmington.

— The Mabel Paige Company No. 1, introducing the favorite Southern actress herself, is playing three nights at Newbern this week and will appear here for a week soon after Christmas.

— Dr. M. Roberts, U. S. A., has arrived from the West to take up his new station at Fort Caswell, succeeding Dr. C. J. Manly, who is ordered to the post from which Dr. Roberts came.

— Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Josephine Mintz, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Mintz, of this city, and Mr. Charles Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blake, also of Wilmington.

— By deed filed for record yesterday, E. H. Kidder and others transferred to Robert H. Sykes, for $350, lot on south side of Market, 90 feet west of Fifteenth street, 60x150 feet in size.

— The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., of Baltimore, of which C. D. Weeks, Esq., of this city, is general agent, is sending out an exceedingly attractive calendar for the New Year.

— Charlotte *Observer*: "In spite of the contradiction, Tasca's Band has withdrawn from the road and returned to New York city. The organization was to have appeared here tomorrow night."

OWNERSHIP OF AN ALLEY.

Mr. E. P. Bailey Contends that He Has Right to Block a Thoroughfare.

The controversy between Mr. E. P. Bailey and the city authorities relative to the public or private ownership of the alley leading into the Wilmington Iron Works from Second street and the right of Mr. Bailey to block half or all of the thoroughfare claimed by him, brief mention of which has been made in these columns, developed into further conflict of opinion yesterday. Mr. Bailey, exercising what he regards as his rights and foiled in his attempt to place barriers in the way, yesterday displayed red flags and warnings of danger in the mouth of the alley. These were removed under orders of Chief of Police Furlong, when his attention was called to the matter. Red lanterns and other danger signals were also removed by the police last night and carried to the station. Mr. Bailey still contends that the property is private and he has a right to place what he pleases thereon, and, as stated yesterday, a civil proceeding may be brought to determine the controversy.

MARRIED YESTERDAY EVENING.

Pretty Service in St Matthew's English Lutheran Church.

In the presence of a large assemblage of their friends in St. Matthew's English Lutheran church last night at 8 o'clock, Miss Lee A. Skipper, an attractive young lady of this city, and Mr. George A. Peterson, were married in a beautiful service by the Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor of the congregation. The church was very prettily and effectively decorated with plants and flowers and the solemn scene was beautiful indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson received the happiest congratulations of their friends after the ceremony. They will reside in Wilmington.

Compliment to Prof. Catlett.

Prof. Washington Catlett, principal of the "old reliable" Cape Fear Academy, now in its 34th year, on yesterday received an unsolicited letter from Prof. Wm. A. Wilbur, corresponding secretary of the Columbian University, Washington, D. C., notifying him that the faculty of that great university had decided to accept in lieu of examinations certificates from the Cape Fear Academy as to proficiency of any students who may desire to enter the higher college. The compliment to Cape Fear Academy is a fine one and one worthily bestowed. Certificates from Prof. Catlett have for several years entered students without examination to the State University and also to the A. & M. College in Raleigh.

Kidnapped a Pythian.

C. D. Koonce, Esq., one of the warm hearted Pythians of Whiteville, was considered "a good thing" to bring home as a souvenir from the District Meeting yesterday morning and when he boarded the special to bid the Wilmington delegation good-bye at 1 A. M., he was detained aboard the car until the train was well on its way to the city. He returned home yesterday morning none the worse for his experience with his enthusiastic fellows.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. Parker—A few reasons.
Tract of Land—For sale or rent.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Reduced—Prices on radiators.
New Board'g House—Virginia House

Large yellow bowls, stone jars, flower pots, calla pots, etc., at Bissenger China Parlor, 119 Market street. †

LIFE STRUGGLE ENDS.

Cartwright White Woman Fatally Wounded Month Ago Died Yesterday.

WAS A PHENOMENAL CASE.

Last Chapter in Accidental Shooting Under Unfortunate Circumstances — Coroner's Inquest Will Without Doubt Exonerate Watkins—Funeral.

After an almost unprecedented battle for life against fearful odds and the display of a degree of physical endurance seldom witnessed by the surgeons of any country, Mary E. Cartwright, the white woman who was accidentally shot a month ago last Friday in a house on Church street, the ball from a 38-calibre, Colt's Army pistol passing almost through and through her head, succumbed to her injuries at the James Walker Memorial Hospital at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Until late Tuesday afternoon, as noted in yesterday's paper, the woman had exhibited unusually favorable symptoms and it was thought that her recovery was certain, but she suddenly had a turn for the worse and night before last all hope was abandoned. By a strange coincidence Alphonso Watkins, the prominent young plumber who was the unfortunate man to drop the pistol, causing the accident under somewhat embarrassing circumstances, had just been exonerated of any blame for the occurrence by the Mayor.

An autopsy performed at the hospital yesterday afternoon by Dr. W. D. McMillan, county superintendent of health, upon the orders of Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner of the county, disclosed that the ball had entered just between the eyes at the base of the nose, ranged backward through the head, slightly upward and to the right. A few days after the shooting, the bullet was taken by Dr. Akerman, surgeon in charge of the hospital, from an abscess which formed on the top and near the back of the head. The immediate cause of death was found to be an extensive inflammation of the membranous substance covering the brain and extending to the base of the same. The brain was also impaired.

Soon after the death, Dr. Bell, the coroner, was notified by Dr. Akerman, and a jury of inquest to inquire more fully into the circumstances of the shooting was empanelled as follows: Capt. W. H. Northrop, Jr., foreman; B. F. King, secretary; Reuben Grant, Chas. Davis, John Thomas and Houston Moore. The investigation began at the City Hall at 12 o'clock, the testimony of all witnesses was heard and a recess was taken until 10 o'clock this morning, pending a result of the autopsy, which was at once ordered.

Sarah E. Mintz, the only eye witness to the shooting, save Watkins, testified to the jury that on the night in question she went to the house of Mary Cartwright, on Church, between Sixth and Seventh streets, upon the invitation of the woman. At the house witness heard her speak to some one and Watkins came in. The Cartwright woman was sitting opposite him. Watkins dropped a cigarette and stooping to pick it up, a pistol fell from under his coat and exploded just as the Cartwright woman leaned over. Witness thought she had fainted. Watkins picked her up to lay her down on the floor and witness saw blood on her and realized that the woman had been shot. Witness was frightened and left. Saw no pistol in Watkins' hand.

Capt. N. J. Williams of the police department, next testified that on Wednesday night, Nov. 4th, Mr. Watkins came to the station and said he had shot a woman on Church street and desired to give himself up; he didn't know the woman. Assistant City Clerk and Treasurer White was at the Hall and accompanied witness to scene of shooting. Woman was found lying on the bed. Her face was bloody and she seemed pretty weak but finally told her name. Witness asked her three times about the shooting and each time she said the shooting was accidental and didn't know the man who was there. The ambulance was then telephoned for and the woman was sent to the hospital.

Maj. C. H. White, who accompanied Capt. Williams to the scene of the shooting, testified that one night about a month ago, by request of Capt. Williams, he accompanied him to a house on Church street, between Sixth and Seventh, and found a woman lying on the bed, who seemed to be shot in the forehead. Capt. Williams questioned her and asked if she was shot on purpose. She said: "No." He then asked her two or three times if it was accidental and she replied: "Yes." She seemed to be very weak and one had to get very near to hear her answers. She seemed, however, to be conscious.

Mr. Watkins was present at the investigation by the jury and signified his perfect willingness to give his version of the affair, but members of the jury, from the exonerating character of all other witnesses, told Mr. Watkins that it was unnecessary for him to go into a recital again of facts that were, of course, unpleasant for him to recall. The jury then took a recess to meet in the city court room and make up its verdict this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Cartwright woman was about 35 years of age, and so far as is known has but one relative in the city—her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. J. Cartwright, who lives in the southern part of the city. The husband of the deceased woman, with whom she had not lived for some time, is said to be in Norfolk. The dead woman carried a small insurance policy on her life, which would be sufficient to pay all funeral expenses, but Mr. Watkins voluntarily gave an order to Undertaker W. E. Yopp to take charge of the remains and superintend the funeral. The services will be held to-day when the coroner's jury shall have completed its inquest.

WILL SPEAK TO GROCERS.

Attorney General Johnson, of State Association, Will be Here in January. Meeting Tuesday Night.

Norman H. Johnson, Esq., of Burlington, attorney general of the North Carolina Association of Retail Grocers and General Merchants, in a letter to President J. H. Thomas, which was read at the usual monthly meeting of the Wilmington Retail Grocers' Association held Tuesday night in the Seaboard Air Line building, writes that he will be here and deliver an address to a mass meeting of grocers early in January of the new year. He expects a large attendance. Due notice of the exact date of the address will be given. Mr. Johnson says that the work all over the State is progressing nicely and much enthusiasm is being shown.

The meeting of the local association Tuesday night was well attended. President Thomas was in the chair and Mr. P. Heinsberger was at his desk as secretary. Proceedings of last meeting were read and approved. The secretary made his monthly report, which was also approved and ordered on file. Several collection reports were made by members. The first quarterly statement of the State Association was also read for the information of those in attendance. The report was from Secretary W. A. Avant, of Charlotte, and was highly satisfactory.

Y. M. C. A. NEW YEAR RECEPTION.

Ladies' Auxiliary Planning a Delightful Event—Some of the Features.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has partially completed the arrangements for the annual New Year reception at the Y. M. C. A. In the afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock the junior members and their friends will be entertained. At night from 8 to 11 o'clock the older folks will be expected.

The main feature of the entertainment will be a gymnasium exhibition under the direction of Secretary Dushan. The gymnastics will take place in the auditorium. The stage will be enlarged for the occasion. The young men's class will give a fancy wand drill, with music. There will be a fancy exercise on the parallel bars and on the long horse by the advanced class under Mr. Dushan. Tumbling by F. M. Bryant and Fasseaux DuPre will be a strong feature. Other acrobatics will be in in high jumping from a spring board, a comedy boxing match and running maize. No admission will be charged.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Clearance of British Steamer—Norwegian Barque Arrives—Other River News.

British steamer "Huelva" cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 8,450 bales cotton, consigned by Messrs. Sprunt & Son.

Norwegian barque "Telefon" arrived yesterday from Savannah to Messrs. Heide & Co. and will receive cargo of naval stores.

Spirits turpentine was steady at 55c. on the local market yesterday. The cotton market was dull at 12c, with receipts of 2,353 bales against 1,437 same day last year.

Schooner "Wm. Lithicum," having completed discharging cargo of kainit at the Carolina Central warehouses, cleared light yesterday for Georgetown, S. C. British steamer "Cairnstrath," also having completed discharging her cargo of fertilizer material, cleared for Brunswick, Ga.

PAINTERS AND PAPER HANGERS.

Organization of a Union Will be Effected Tuesday Night—Preliminary Meeting.

Seventeen painters and paper hangers, representing more than half the members of those trades in the city, met Tuesday night in the hall on the fourth floor of the Atlantic National Bank and formed the nucleus for a union which will be chartered this week from headquarters of the American Federation of Labor in Indianapolis, Ind. Another meeting will be held Tuesday evening in the same hall to which every white painter and paper hanger in the city is invited. Officers will be elected and a permanent organization effected in all other respects.

TOY PISTOL WOUND.

Negro Died of Lock-Jaw at Hospital Yesterday Under Peculiar Circumstances.

Suffering with lock-jaw resulting from an apparently slight wound on the hand caused by the premature explosion of a cap or blank cartridge in a toy pistol, Andrew Jackson, colored, 17 years old, No 1016 Chesnut street, died yesterday evening at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, whither he had been carried the day before when symptoms of lock-jaw began to develop. The accident is a most unusual one for this section.

Mayor's Court Yesterday.

There was only one case before the Mayor yesterday. F. Williams, the white man, fined $5 the day before for contempt of court, having been intoxicated when he attempted to testify in his own behalf in a case in which he was charged with an assault upon E. F. Bass, a barkeeper, was allowed to go free of the judgment for contempt after a confinement of 24 hours in the station house, but was required to pay $5 including the cost for the assault upon the bartender. Bass was required to pay the costs in a case against himself for having used language toward Williams calculated to provoke the assault.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Third Annual Exhibition of Wilmington Association Opens Next Monday Night.

THE CANVAS ALREADY HERE.

Tent Will be on Market Street Plaza, Facing Front Street—Large Number of Entries Assured—The Final Meeting Last Night.

"If you haven't got much to write about for to-morrow," suggestively quoth Will Bonitz yesterday—and a vacant stare out of the eyes of the newsgatherer confessed the truth of the mild impeachment—"you might tell 'm about our chicken show next week. You've already had about our tents coming and we're going to put 'em up on Market street plaza Saturday if Mayor Springer is willin'. Out-of-town people will begin to send in birds for the show as early as Friday, so we'll have to have some place to put 'em. It's going to be the biggest fair Wilmington has ever had."

The final meeting of the Wilmington Poultry Association, under the auspices of which the third annual exhibition will be given, was held last night and Superintendent Bonitz made a very satisfactory report of what had been accomplished in the way of arrangements. Entries will close Saturday night and by that time the tents on Market street will be lively with the cackle of fine birds and the more soothing expressions of the pet stock. All railroads entering the city have given a round-trip passenger rate of one and one-third fares and a large number of fanciers from a distance will be here. The Southern Express Company has given a half rate to all exhibitors who may desire to ship coops. In addition to the Association's special cash prizes there are more than 200 prizes offered by Wilmington merchants who have manifested a lively interest in the show. No entry fee is charged on pet stock.

The canvas under which the show will be held will be 80x150 feet in size with handsome wood front, attractively decorated and brilliantly lighted. The front of no carnival show which ever came to Wilmington will be as pretty and as gorgeous as that designed and executed by Superintendent Bonitz for the poultry show. The entrance will be at Front and Market streets and the interior will be brilliantly lighed from a myriad of incandescents. On the opening night band music will be one of the "drawing cards" at the main entrance.

The officers of the Wilmington Poultry Association are as follows: Dr. J. H. Dreher, president; J. C. Boesch, first vice president; WC. Armstrong, secretary; E. T. Wade, second vice president; W. A. Bonitz, superintendent; A. O. McEachern, assistant secretary.

Executive Committee—F. L. Huggins, S. J. Davis, J. H. Dreher, J. C. Boesch, and R. W. Price.

BOWLING ALLEY CONTEST.

Exciting Game Between Teams Last Night. Another Saturday.

An exciting game over the Pastime Bowling Alley last night between the Atlantic Coast Line team Capt. T. E. Myers, and the Armourians, Capt. Meares Harriss, resulted in a victory for the Coast Line by a score of 2,073 against 2,056. The game was full of interest from start to finish and was witnessed by a large number of spectators. Mr. Geo. Crow, of the A. C. L., made the largest individual score of 458 and Mr. C. R. Brinkley, for the opposing team, made 426 as the largest individual score for his side. The next game will be on Saturday night between the Coast Line and Capt. Little's team.

REMODEL FINE OLD RESIDENCE.

Improvements to Handsome Latimer Dwelling Purchased by Mrs. Kenan.

Architect H. P. S. Keller, it is understood, has drawn plans for the extensive re-modelling of the splendid Latimer residence at southwest corner of Third and Orange streets, which was recently purchased by Mrs. W. R. Kenan at a cost of over $10,000. The interior will be rebuilt almost in its entirety and the exterior will also be beautified. It is said that $8,500 will be expended in the improvements, making the residence one of the most handsome and finest in the city.

Most Pelee Survivor.

M. Larfand, a Frenchman, who says he was at Martinique during the eruption of Mt. Pelee and escaped with his family in a small boat, is in the city at the Bonits House. His home and all his effects, including a small schooner which was his means of livelihood, were destroyed. The island was left in desolation and Larfand and his family were forced to leave. He and family are making their way to Montreal, Canada, and were furnished transportation to Newbern by the A. C. L. authorities yesterday

Home Grown Pecans.

Mr. W. H. Stone, of Shallotte, Brunswick county, is known for the fine quality of pecans which he raises on his place. This year he gathered 581 pounds of nuts from three trees. The pecans are thin shell, full of meat, and the flavor is very delicious. Stone & Co., on South Water street, are offering them at 15 cents a pound.

Special sale of fancy china Friday, Dec. 11th, at Bissenger China Parlor, 119 Market street. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. P. S. Cox, of Newbern, is at The Orton.

— Mr. Franklin Sherman, Jr., of Raleigh, is at The Orton.

— Hon. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, arrived last night.

— Capt. G. G. Lynch, of Charleston, and Capt. G. D. Pugh, of Florence, arrived last night.

— Mr. D. W. Alderman, of Alcolu, S. C., the well know lumber mill man, was at The Orton yesterday.

— The STAR regrets to hear that Capt. Irving Robinson is reported very sick at his home in Elizabethtown.

— Mr. Jno. O. Edlington, of Raleigh, State Bank Examiner, spent yesterday in the city on official business.

— Messrs. Wilbur McIntyre, of New York, and Oliver Smith, of Wilmington, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— "Sam" Bowden, of Warsaw, the noted Nimrod of Duplin county, was a STAR visitor yesterday. "Sam" planned a hunt for the field editor of the STAR, and when it comes off you may bet your last nickel we will "make the feathers fly."

— Miss Mary Bridgers, Mrs. Robert Bridgers, Mrs. R. B. Branch and Mr. Robert Branch returned last night from New York where they attended the dedication of the splendid new Christian Science church, said to have been erected at a cost of more than a million dollars.

MONUMENT AT HIS GRAVE.

Handsome Marble Shaft to Memory of Late Capt. James M. McGowan.

Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro., proprietors of the Wilmington Granite and Marble Works, yesterday completed the erection of a handsome, massive monument over the grave of the late Capt. James M. McGowan, in Oakdale cemetery. The shaft was erected for Mr. W. A. McGowan, who was tenderly devoted to his father and who has fittingly marked his final resting place.

The monument rises from a base of granite and upon its crest are emblems of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities. Upon each corner at the base of the monument are the Knights of Pythias and Red Men emblems, to all of which orders the late Capt. McGowan belonged and manifested a lively interest therein. The inscription upon the face of the monument are these words: "Captain James M. McGowan, 1838-1903."

MILDRED AND ROUCLERE CO.

Vaudeville Show Worthy of Largest Patronage Next Week.

Yesterday's Newbern *Journal* says:

"Those who were at the Mildred-Rouclere entertainment last night and disposed to think lightly of vaudeville must have had to change their opinion, for certainly the acts produced last night were most assuredly wonder workers. It was beyond doubt the best vaudeville that has ever visted this city and it has artists who stand at the head of their profession.

"Rouclere as a sleight of hand manipulator was a marvel which few can equal. His act was one as puzzling as it was pleasing and pleasing as it was puzzling. The exhibition of mental phenomena by Mildred was a wonderful example of mind reading. Her talent as displayed in an audience where she was a complete stranger, read the minds of the people in the house, was one which alone was worth the price of admission. The act consisting of the Flight of Princess Iris was composed of a series of illusions of astonishing cleverness.

"The Kitamuras Troupe of Japanese acrobats won the admiration of the house, particularly in the drum balancing feature, which was performed with perfection and to the entire satisfaction of the spectators."

The company will be seen at the Academy here the three remaining nights of this week and Saturday matinee. Seats now on sale at Plummer's.

Of the Harris-Parkinson Company, which plays at the Academy next week at popular prices, yesterday's Raleigh *News and Observer* says:

"In Sunny Tennessee," as given last night at the Academy of Music by the Harris-Parkinson Company, was a play that charmed the audience. The audience was great in size and in enthusiasm, and after the performance many expressions of pleasure were heard. The company is giving great shows at popular prices and to the show is added many specialties."

CAPE FEAR IMPROVEMENTS.

Estimate of Appropriations for Fiscal Year—Several Important Items.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The estimate of appropriations for the support of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, contain a number of items of special interest to people of North Carolina.

For river and harbor improvements, already enumerated in a former dispatch, over $400,000. This includes $350,000 for Cape Fear river.

For public buildings, Goldsboro, $16,250; Wilmington, to make changes in building, $7,500.

For a Cape Fear quarantine station and infectious hospital, $5,800.

Mr. Furber Jones in Extremis.

Yesterday's Charlotte *Observer* says of a popular travelling man well known here: "A telephone message received by the *Observer* this morning at 1 o'clock conveys the distressing intelligence that the condition of Mr. C. Furber Jones, who is ill with pneumonia, at his home in Dilworth, is much worse, and hope for his recovery has been abandoned."

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

N. C. Sorosis Grateful to Public for Support of Rummage Sale.

At the regular business meeting of the North Carolina Sorosis, held on last Thursday, the ladies, with one accord, expressed their hearty thanks to the public that so generously assisted them toward the success of their recent rummage sale. This sale, as is well understood, was for the purpose of obtaining money with which to open the Sorosis club-room as a free reading and reference room, a thing so much needed in our community, and is to be repeated for the same purpose next October. A committee was appointed to draw up the following resolutions:

"Inasmuch as the North Carolina Sorosis received from those outside the club such hearty co-operation in its recent rummage sale, held from Nov. 19th to Nov. 25th, 1903, be it resolved,

"First—That our grateful thanks be extended to the housekeepers of the community and to the stores of the city for the articles so kindly donated for this sale.

"Second—That we express thanks and highest appreciation to Mr. Solky for the use of his store, 107 Market street, and to Mr. McMillan and Mr. Morrell for the use of delivery wagons with which to collect the rummage.

"Third—That our thanks be extended to Col. Walker Taylor for his invaluable assistance; to two friends who together made a gift of twenty-five dollars to be used for the library, and to the Press for the space allowed us for our appeals to the public."

N. C. S.

THIS DOG IS VALUABLE.

Hunting Partridges in Express Office to Prevent Shipment from the State.

If all the counties in North Carolina had game wardens who were as much interested in the enforcement of the law which prohibits the shipping of game out of the State as Game Warden Weatherly, of Guilford county, very few birds would be sent beyond the borders of North Carolina. The following special from Greensboro will be read with interest by the sportsmen of this section:

"Game Warden Weatherly continues to confiscate express matter here containing partridges shipped out of the State. Last night his bird dog "set" an express package of eggs at the depot. The eggs were broken into and eighty-five birds were found "nested therein among the eggs." The shipment was from J. P. Danley, of Ararat, the consignment being to I. H. Wallenstein, at Washington."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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That large tract of Land at Rocky Point, N. C., known as the JOHN WALKER PLANTATION, containing about 1,500 acres, SITUATED ON ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD, right at depot.

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Beginning Monday morning we place on sale a large lot of

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Prof. Jones Challenge Concert Band will give grand street parade at 12 o'clock noon.
Reserved seats 35 and 50 cents on sale at Plummer's Wednesday. dec 8 3t

Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to the deceased to make immediate payment to me, and all persons to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me by or before the 1st day of December 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. This the 19th day of November, 1903.

JOSEPH MEIER,
Administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. no 20 6t pd.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 10.

SLICK AS A GREASED GIMLET.

The STAR thanks the London *Times* for this nice compliment for our diplomatic slickness:

"Apparently, the consummate ability with which President Roosevelt and Mr. Hay have carried through the whole business has won reluctant approval even in every antagonistic quarters among their fellow-countrymen. It could hardly be otherwise. The extremely convenient way in which matters have fallen out for the United States has been only equalled by the adroitness with which the Washington government has made use of its opportunities. Seldom do the barriers of obstruction collapse so satisfactorily and leave the other party so strong in the consciousness that duty is pointing in the desired direction."

We are gratified to observe that the Times has noticed that we have abandoned the "shirt-sleeve" method of diplomacy. Yes, sir, we are as slick as any nation that slides down the toboggan these days. When those barriers of obstruction collapsed on the isthmus, we were just laying around loose in the bushes, but, sure Mike, we emerged just in the niche of time to do our duty by the canal.

We "didn't know anything was going to happen on the isthmus" but it is always our business to be on the spot at the right time. We were there, as you see, although our reinforcements were a little slow in coming up. They came up, however, just in time to make those 450 Colombian troops skin out for their boat. If they had been allowed to meander around there they might have interfered with our diplomacy. However, about $8,000 in gold and 600 United States marines was a little more than they could stand. We just simply outnumbered them with money and men, and under such slick diplomacy as that the Colombian army vamoosed the ranch before they got a glimpse of the revolution.

It was one of our Yankee tricks, doncher know. It was a narrow escape, but we got the Panama Red Riding Hood on our lap before the Colombian wolf could eat her up.

THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

That William J. Bryan is able to "tote his own skillet" during his tour to Europe, causes some of the comtemporaries to query: "Why Mr. Bryan's English honor?" The distinguished consideration heaped upon the editor of the *Commoner* in London is just the Britishers' way of recognizing an American who had the brains and elements of leadership to be the Presidential nominee of the great Democratic party of the United States of the World.

Editor Henry Watterson, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, thinks, however, that the honors which Ambassador Choate and the English lords paid Mr. Bryan is a plot of the scheming Republicans. The fiery Kentucky editor makes us laugh if he doesn't make us see it his way.

"Every effort of the Republicans," says Col. Watterson, "is put forth to distinguish him (Mr. Bryan), for well the Republicans understand that as they are able to strengthen him they prepare a handicap for Democracy."

This is the cat which Mr. Watterson lets out of the bag as to Mr. Bryan's being made much of beyond the seas.

NEW TUNE IN DIXIE.

The "bulls" and the "bears" kept stirring up the sawdust in the pit until they found out that we didn't have cotton crop enough to go around. This made the high prices tip the ballance and empty the scheckles into the laps of the cotton planters. This was where the "speculation movement" came our way to the tune of $200,000,000.

A quiet and orderly lynching, when it is done so decently as to make an investigation not at all necessary, is honorable alongside of this from the New York *Herald*: "Flogging an imbecile woman; burying the dead in a lot where hogs rooted; the death of a woman who was taken into a cellar and maltreated by several men; cuffing and beating the infirm; feeding putrid meat to the inmates—these are only some of the alleged doings now being inquired into by the Ulster County Board of Supervisors, in an investigation that is watched by the State Board of Charities."

Says the Norfolk *Landmark*: "The STAR would say go on with your canal and let up on your hot-air valve about the South's being opposed to this stupendous enterprise."—*Wilmington, (N. C.) Star Dem.* Who said that the South is opposed to a canal across the Isthmus? The only newspaper we know of in the South that is opposed to a canal is the Petersburg *Iqdex-Appeal*, which vigorously upholds the Administration's Panama policy. Most of the Southern newspapers favor a canal, but also favor getting it by fair means."

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

STEDMAN'S CANDIDACY.

Solicitor Brooks Tells the Charleston News and Courier that His Prospects are Bright

Charleston *News and Courier*, Dec. 6th: Mr. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, solicitor for the Ninth judicial circuit of North Carolina, and among the most prominent attorneys of the Old North State, was in Charleston yesterday on legal business connected with the United States Court. Mr. Brooks is a fellow townsman of Major Charles M. Stedman, who was Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina from 1884 to 1888, and was a candidate for Governor in the latter year, and was defeated only by a very small number of votes.

Speaking of Major Stedman's candidacy for next term as Governor Mr. Brooks said that although it was yet a long way ahead, the prospects were very bright.

"Major Stedman," he continued, "is now being urged by hundreds of his friends to make the race and we believe he will be successful. He is a man of great ability, strong, forceful, earnest and an excellent speaker. He has a brilliant record as a Confederate soldier, and since the war has been a zealous patriot, doing everything possible for the upbuilding of his State. While there are other estimable gentlemen who will be in the race, we think Major Stedman the best qualified for this high and honorable position."

Major Stedman now resides at Greensboro, but has made his home at various times in Wilmington and Asheville. The actual campaign will not open until June and the election, at which Governor Aycock's successor must be named, is full a year away. The North Carolina State laws do not allow a Governor to be re-elected.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Benevolent people who like to hear of other people's good luck will rejoice that American steel is being offered in Lankshire, Scotland, at prices $5 a ton under home rates—all under our blessed tariff for the protection of monopolies only.—*New York World.*

—— A number of the American sailors at Panama celebrated Thanksgiving Day by climbing greased poles. There are many who believe the whole Panama affair will prove a greased pole down which Roosevelt, Hay & Co. will yet gracefully slide.—*Indianapolis Sentinel.*

—— Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's jump for the band wagon denotes what remarkable strides protection must have been making in England within the last few months, for last Summer Chamberlain himself, optimist that he is, declared that he did not expect to convert Great Britain to his doctrine for seven years.—*Chicago Tribune.*

—— The color line has been closely drawn at Sheffield, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, in the public schools. Verily if this keeps up there'll be nothing left for the colored brother who doesn't like the South to do but to make a break for New Mexico. It is stated that out in that section all colors look alike except the Chinaman, and even he might get in the mix-up but for his queue.—*Chatanooga Times.*

TWINKLINGS.

— And the play was a surprising one?" "Yes, indeed; especially to those who had read the book it was dramatized from."—*Kansas City Journal.*

— Dolly: How much impressed Ethel seemed by the services? Polly: Yes, she did look solemn; but maybe she was only mad at her dressmaker.—*Puck.*

— Mr. Goodard—What's a lovely fresh complexion Miss Oldun-Rich has this morning. Miss Speitz—Of course, she can afford to have it fresh every morning.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Mrs. Frisbie—My husband has adopted the no-breakfast fad. Mrs. Gazzam—And does he eat absolutely nothing at all? Mrs. Frisbie—Nothing whatever. He won't even take a bowl of shredded hot air.—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "The ostrich is a very stupid bird," said the naturalist. "He may be stupid," said the man who is always complaining, but he has a stomach that any man with a Thanksgiving dinner ahead of him might envy."—*Washington Star.*

— "Oh, it's no fun being engaged to him," she said bitterly. "Why not?" asked her dearest friend. "Why, when you stir up a little quarrel, just to drive away the ennui, he takes it seriously and keeps you worried for fear you've really lost him."—*Chicago Post.*

— "Yes, I'm a Western man, myself." "That's so? I've never been West, but I expect to go next year to the St. Louis Fair." "Oh! that may be worth seeing, but it won't be in it with the—" "Ah! how are things in Chicago?"—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "You women will never make successful politicians," said the bachelor boarder. "Because why?" asked the fair typewriter girl." "Because you don't care a snap for public sentiment," exclaimed the b. b. "Of course we don't," replied the key manipulator. "And besides, no gentleman would make love to a lady in public, any way.—*Chicago News.*

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Caswell *Democrat*: We hear that in the future a bank will be opened here. This would be a convenience and also a paying business. Yanceyville has plenty of capital for any enterprise.

— The *Tribune* Publishing Company, of Rutherfordton, has organized a stock company of successful and conservative business men from various parts of Rutherford county for the purpose of improving and financially backing the *Tribune*.

— Wilson *Times*: Come to think of it, eggs are higher in North Carolina than any other place in the world. It is said that those thrown at Senator Butler sent him to the Senate, and now Sewell gets $1,100 apiece for those wasted on him in Shelby.

— Judge W. H. Neal, in opening the Criminal Conrt at Charlotte on Monday, said to the grand jury: "I am advised that gambling in cotton is going on here to a large extent and that many people are wild with excitement. I will put this matter before you in such manner that you will have to do your duty or perjure yourselves."

— Winston *Journal*: "They talk about William J. Bryan not being a financier," says the Augusta *Chronicle*, "but how many men have been able to establish a new [newspaper on such a paying basis as to enable him to take a trip to Europe in its infancy?" Well put; but we thought Europe was older than that.

— Shelby *Aurora*: The belief prevails in many quarters that the South has reached its limit in cotton production. This may be true with the present supply of labor, but we have millions of acres of land lying idle that would produce the finest of cotton. If the necessary amount of labor can be found and trained, the South will furnish all the cotton needed for the entire world for many years to come.

— The Charlotte *Observer*, in speaking of the Manufacturers' Convention which met in that city on Tuesday, says: "Charlotte is the centre of the manufacturing interest of the South, and Mr. Odell was very wise in selecting this point as the most eligible one. Local manufacturers seem to hope to see such action taken as will curtail production without reducing the wages of the operatives.

— Raleigh *Post*: Three years ago a farm located near Raleigh was bought, the price paid being $10,000. The net profits on this farm in the three years was $3,700, and it was sold this week for something over $13,000, adding another $3,000 to the profits of the transaction. Sixty-odd per cent. in three years—twenty-odd each year—will do very well on a farm land investment and its cultivation. It shows what can be done in Old Wake.

— The Rockingham *Headlight* speaking of the Rev. W. S. Rone, D. D., says: By the appointment of the Conference this excellent gentleman and distinguished minister leaves us in a short time for Rocky Mount, where he is to reside next year. Dr. Rone came here about three years ago, and he and his excellent family have made many friends in our town, whose good wishes will follow them to their new home.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: It is a mistake to compare the attitude of the United States toward the seceded Republic of Texas with their attitude toward the seceded "Republic" of Panama. The Texas republic, adjoining our own, was filled with emigrants from this country, and the sentiment that "blood is thicker than water" determined our course in respect to it. In the case of Panama, on the contrary, no appeal of kindred blood has actuated us; and our course towards *its* parent sovereignty is absolutely without excuse, and is the foulest blot upon our escutcheon.

—— "I am sick at heart over the women," sighs the Rev. Dr. Dix. "When I was a boy, all boys of generous spirit looked up to a woman. We fought with fisticuffs to demonstrate in some fashion our worship of her. She was not to be criticised. She was on too lofty a height for that. In these days women have come down to our level. They were womanly, but they are ceasing to be." But is Dr. Dix as well acquainted with what the boys think of woman as he used to be when he was a boy himself? Does it never suggest itself to him that the change is not so much in the lovely beings for whom he was wont to fight as in himself? Isn't it just possible that Dr. Dix is growing old?—*New York American.*

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That you have not tried or you would not now be a Dyspeptic.

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Rheumacide

IT CURED HELPLESS CRIPPLE.

Mr. Wilkes writes in the course of a long letter, dated August 18, 1902: "My legs were drawn back until my feet touched my hips. I was as helpless as a baby for nearly 12 months. The muscles of my arms and legs were hard and shriveled up. I suffered death many times over. Was treated by six different physicians in McColl, Dillon and Marion, but none of them could do me any good, until Dr. J. P. Ewing, of Dillon, told me to try your RHEUMACIDE. I began to take it, and before the first bottle was used up I began to get better. I used 5½ bottles and was completely cured." Dr. J. P. Ewing confirms Mr. Wilkes' statement in every particular.

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Perfect Respiration.

For perfect respiration two things are necessary—chest capacity and breath control. The average individual, woman especially, uses but a limited portion of the lungs and upper chest in ordinary breathing. Whenever a little unusual physical effort makes demand for an extra breathing capacity, note how she puffs and pants, almost to a point of gasping. The reason for this is that the muscles of the lower chest, waist and abdomen have become well nigh atrophied through neglect and abuse. They are stiff and unresponsive and have now to be coaxed back to a condition of activity and obedience.

It is quite as possible to educate these muscles so that they shall respond to our slightest demand as it is that our hands are trained to do our bidding. Different teachers will advocate different forms of breathing—upper chest, side chest, lower chest and abnormal breathing—but what we most want is absolute control, such control of the muscles as shall enable us to make use of any desired form of breathing at the word of command, for all forms have special values. Full upper chest breathing is used most, but lower chest and abdominal breathing are very valuable in cases of nervousness, indigestion, stomach and bowel troubles.

The Truthful Pioneer.

"One day," said the truthful pioneer, "I was whacking up some wood down by the creek, and ten Indians loomed up. They were pretty thirsty even for Indians, and they said they knew I had a jug somewhere, and they wanted to sample it. I had a log about half split at the time, and the ax was sticking in it. I told them if they would help me get that log in two I would show them where the jug was. So they took hold, five on one side and five on the other, and pulled. And when I took the ax out the log sprung together and held them all by the fingers. Then I walked away to the house and loaded the shotgun and three or four pistols and then went back and argued with them, and they reformed right away." This story, says the Nebraska State Journal, was originally told of Daniel Boone or Davy Crockett and has done good service ever since. It is not copyrighted, however, and there is no good reason why Nebraska pioneers should not use it.

The Wild Giraffe.

Perhaps the most difficult of all wild animals to capture is the giraffe. In addition to being very rare giraffes are exceedingly timid and are very swift footed. There is no special way to capture a giraffe, as almost every way has been tried, and all have been almost equally unsuccessful. The method which has occasionally resulted in a capture is by using a long cord, at each end of which is a round weight. This cord is thrown by the hunter in such a manner as to wind round the animal's legs, either bringing it to the ground or rendering it incapable of escaping before it is made a prisoner. Most of the giraffes in captivity have been caught by chance when young.

Lovemaking In Mexico.

In northwest Mexico the courting is all done by the lady. The young people meet at the feasts, and there the damsel who has fixed upon a member of the opposite sex whom she wishes to become her husband tries to attract his attention by dancing before him, persistently keeping her back turned toward him. Eventually she may sit down near him and pull his blanket and sing to him in a gentle, low voice. When she desires to bring matters to a focus, she begins to throw pebbles at the chosen one. If he throws them back at her, they are betrothed.

Eyes With Double Pupils.

Cicero says that "the glance of all women with the double pupil in the eye is noxious, blighting and withering." Cadmus tells us that such persons would not drown. Still others say that if they did drown the body would never sink, neither would it decay. They could cure the disease of the chest—consumption—by rubbing their perspiration on the affected parts of the individual, and in case the double pupils were red instead of black they could cure the lepers and the blind.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agt.,
Wilmington, N. C.

Business.

"I see you have chicken for dinner."

"Yes, suh," sand Mr. Erastus Pinkley.

"I hope you bought the chicken."

"Well, no; but de transaction were strictly regular. Dat chicken has been roostin' on my fence foh months wifout payin', an' I reckoned it were about time to fohclose."—Washington Star.

A Great Haul.

"Young Briefly had only been admitted to the bar a week when he made a fortune. He was caught in a railroad wreck in which forty people were injured."

"And he was one of those who got damages?"

"He was all of them. He got all the victims to retain him."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Widespread Interest.

"Do you think that people appreciate art in this country?"

"Certainly," answered Mrs. Cumrox. "Everybody gets interested as soon as you tell 'em how much a masterpiece cost."—Washington Star.

What He Didn't Mean.

Ambiguous—How are you, old fellow? Are you keeping strong?

"No; only just managing to keep out of my grave."

"Oh, I'm sorry to hear that."

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr City of Fayetteville, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T D Love.

Norwegian barque Telefon, 711 tons, Olsen, Savannah, Ga, Heide & Co.

Stmr A J Johnson, Bornemann, Black River points, W J Meredith.

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Stmr City of Fayetteville, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T D Love.

Schr Wm Linthicum, Hitchens, Georgetown, S C, C D Maffitt.

Stmr A J Johnson, Bornemann, Black River points, W J Meredith.

British steamer Huelva, Harvey, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

British steamer Cairnstraith, Hunter, Brunswick, Ga, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—British steamer Huelva, 8,480 bales cotton, 4,130,011 pounds, valued at $516,250; vessel and cargo by Alexander Sprunt & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 10.

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Coull, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Scarthoe, (Br) 2,535 tons, Hall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Maffitt.

Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Maffitt.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Maffitt.

C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, C D Maffitt.

Ida C Southard, 718 tons, Blake, C D Maffitt.

Wm P Hood, 633 tons, Philpot, C D Maffitt.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

Kampfjord, (Nor) 743 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—114 bales cotton, 30 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—555 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 33 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,290 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 46 barrels tar, 75 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—120 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 13 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—134 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 4 barrels rosin.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—1 bale cotton, 52 barrels rosin, 17 barrels tar.

Steamer Sanders—39 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 122 barrels rosin.

Total—2,353 bales cotton, 26 casks spirits turpentine, 178 barrels rosin, 139 barrels tar, 81 barrels crude turpentine.

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for 'Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind †

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market steady at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $3.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 51c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1 60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 3.80@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	26
Rosin	178
Tar	139
Crude turpentine	81

Receipts same day last year—36 casks spirits turpentine, 246 barrels rosin, 202 barrels tar, 61 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market dull at 12c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅜c for middling.

Receipts—2,253 bales; same day last year, 1,437.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Money on call was firm at 4@6 per cent., closing bid 4 per cent., and offered at 4 per cent.; time loans steady; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, then easier; actual business in bankers' bills at 483.30@483.35 for demand and 479.70@479.75 for sixty-day bills. The posted rates were 480¼ and 484@484½. Commercial were bills 479¼. Bar silver 54½. Mexican dollars 41. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¼; do. coupon, 107¼; U.S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133¾; do. coupons 133¾; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 113¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87½; Chesapeake & Ohio 33¼; Manhattan L 143¼; New York Central 119¼; Reading 45; do. 1st preferred 77; do. 2nd preferred 60; St. Paul 142½; do. pref'd, 172; Southern Railway 20½; do. pref'd 78; Amalgamated Copper 46¾; People's Gas 95⅞; Tennessee Coal and Iron 32½; U. S. Leather 7¼; U. S. Leather, preferred, 77½; Western Union 87¼; U. S. Steel 11¾; do. preferred 57; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 21; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 90; sales — shares. Standard Oil 665.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 9.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13¼@13; do. preferred,—; do. bonds, fours, 71½@72. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 108 bid; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $2 60. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 9.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks Rosin steady; sales — barrels; A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 15. E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 20; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $3 80; N, $3 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 9.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56c; receipts 645 casks; sales 421 casks; exports 10 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 3,661 barrels; sales 3,668 barrels; exports 4,096 barrels: Quote: A, B, C, $2 20; D, $2 20; E, $2 20; F, $2 20; G, $2 25@2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $3 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The cotton market opened firm at unchanged prices to an advance of ten points on covering after the late break of yesterday and a renewal of bull support in connection with an impression that there would be no concerted action in regard to the curtailment of manufacturing as a result of the recent spinners convention. Cables were not up to expectations so far as futures were concerned, but the advance in spot cotton in the English market was taken as a healthy sign and with the weather unsettled the first tendency of prices here was toward a still higher level, so that soon after the call May was selling at 12.52, and the active months generally nine to fourteen points higher. This was followed by a reaction to about the opening prices and during the balance of the day fluctuations were very irregular. Some private advices indicated great firmness in Southern spot markets but others reported freer offerings and the news from other sources was equally conflicting. Shortly after midday a rumor was circulated that the big bulls were unloading there was considerable selling from New Orleans parties and in the last hour the local market was very weak, selling down to the low points of the session, with January touching 12c, March 12.10, May 12.20 and July 12.18, this being a net loss of eighteen to twenty points. Toward the close, however, there was considerable covering by room shorts and with the local bull leader still supporting, prices were rallied six to eight points from the bottom. The market was finally steady net nine to fourteen points lower. Sales were estimated at 600,000 bales. This afternoon's decline was aided by the weakness in New Orleans, where the market closed at about the bottom and by official advices from Southern spot markets showing them unchanged to ⅛ lower. Receipts for the day were about equal to last year's; exports were small, and estimates for to-morrow's movements about a stand-off.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Cotton steady at 12.40c; net receipts 1,000 bales; gross receipts — bales; stock—not reported.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 11.95, January 12.06, February 12.13, March 12.24, April 12.26, May 12.27, June 12.34, July 12.34, August 11.99.

Spot cotton closed steady and 10 points lower; middling uplands 12.40; middling gulf 12.65c; sales 1,000 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 46,687 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,488 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 10,429 bales; Japan — bales; stock 892,883 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 233,942 bales; exports to Great Britain 37,355 bales; exports to France 15,845 bales; exports to the Continent 94,315 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,240,047 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,247,694 bales; exports to France 453,456 bales; exports to the Continent 1,639,646 bales.

Dec 9.—Galveston, steady at 12, net receipts 15,631 bales: Norfolk, steady at 12 3-16c, net receipts 3,035 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 12.50c, net receipts 304 bales; Boston, steady at 12.50, net receipts 228 bales; Wilmington, nominal at —c, net receipts 2,653 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 12.65, net receipts 25 bales; Savannah, quiet at 11⅞c, net receipts 7,699 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 12c, net receipts 15,979 bales; Mobile, dull at 11¾c, net receipts 944 bales; Memphis, steady at 12c, net receipts 3,014 bales; Augusta, quiet at 12 3 16c, net receipts 2,337 bales; Charleston, firm at 11¾c, net receipts 243 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Flour was quieter and unsettled, closing easy. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 90¼c. Options were steady to firm at first on light Northwest receipts, a bullish Missouri report, further support from Chicago elevator people and local covering. At noon the very small increase in the world's stock sales helped the bulls, but later prices crumbled away under heavy Wall street selling, a break in St. Louis and general unloading, the close being ¾@1c net lower: May closed 85 3 16c; July closed 81¼; December closed 90c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 51¾. Option market acted very firm at first on less favorable weather news, good buying at Chicago and covering, but eventually eased off a little with wheat, although the close was ¼c net higher; May closed 48¾c; December 51¾c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2 41¾c. Lard quiet; refined dull. Pork steady. Butter—Market easy; extra creamery 25c; State dairy 15@23c. Molasses steady Cheese was quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes were steady; Long Island $3 12@3 37; Jerseys $2 00@3 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $3 12@2 25. Cabbage steady; domestic, per 100 $6 00@10 00; per barrel $2 10@2 25. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 15c. Rice quiet. Sugar—Raw nominal; refined dull. Tallow steady. Cotton seed oil continued very firm both on spot and future product, with business of fair volume at the advance. Closing quotations were: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 26@27; prime summer yellow 35@35½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 37@38c; prime winter yellow 38@40c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Cessation of support from the big operator who has recently been the factor in creating a bullish wheat market caused a sharp break in prices to-day. May wheat closed ½ lower, but corn and oats were firm, the May deliveries closing ⅛@¼c higher respectively. May provisions showed gains of from 5 to 12½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Cash prices: Flour—Market firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 83c; No. 2 red 83¼@86¾c. Corn—No. 2 41½c; No. 2 yellow 44c. Oats—No. 2 34¼@34¾c; No. 3 white 35@37½c. Rye—No. 2 50½@51. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 25@11 37½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 37½@6 40. Short rib sides, loose, $6 00@6 25. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 12½@6 25. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 82, 82¾, 80¼, 80½c; May 82@82¾, 82¾, 81½@81¾, 81½c; July 77¾@77¾, 78, 76¾, 76¾@76¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 40¾@40¾, 41½, 40¼, 41⅛@41⅜c; May 42½@42¾, 43¼, 42¾, 43¼c; July 42¼@42½, 43½, 42¼, 43⅜@43½. Oats—No. 2 December 34¾, 34¾@34¾, 34¼, 34¼@34¾c; May 35¾@36, 36¾@36¾, 36¾, 36⅞c; July 33½, 33⅞, 33¼, 33¼@33⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 00, 11 07½, 11 00, 11 05; May $11 35, 11 42½, 11 25, 11 40. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 40, 6 40, 6 37½, 6 37½; May $6 45, 6 55, 6 45, 6 52½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $5 90, 5 92½, 5 90, 5 90; May $6 07½, 6 15, 6 07½, 6 12½.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Coffee—Spot steady; mild firm. The market for coffee futures opened steady at a decline of 5@10 points under realizing. Good support developed on the decline, however, and during the balance of the session the market ruled steady to firm. The close was steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales were 85,500 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices 14 points higher; American middling fair 6.86d; good middling 6.70d; middling 6.60d; low middling 6.54d; good ordinary 6.44d; ordinary 6.24d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,600 bales American. Receipts 30,000 bales, including 29,400 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 6.55@6.56d; December and January 6.53d; January and February 6.48@6.49d; February and March 6.47@6.48d; March and April 6.46@6.47d; April and May 6.45@6.46d; May and June 6.44@6.45d; June and July 6.43d; July and August 6.41d; August and September nominal.

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ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

An Elaborate Application of Ideas of Art to the Matchbox.

The vogue for things artistic in the line of house furnishings has resulted in the matchbox being embellished to an extent that warrants its being considered a work of art. One such box deserves this appellation, at any rate. It is in panel form, upon which a skilled artist has painted in water colors a fireplace scene with brass candlesticks and blue delft plates on the mantelshelf. This old time fireplace is deep and wide, and over the fire which appears to be cheerily burning in the interior hangs a big black pot. This pot is fashioned of tin, cut in half and attached to the painted crane, and serves as a receptacle for the unused matches. To the right of the fireplace is a tiny wood box for the burned matches. The foreground of the panel shows a bare floor and a strip of rag carpet laid before the fire.

Settling a Hotel Bill in Portugal.

In Portugal when the traveler asks for his bill the landlord pleasantly rubs his hands together and answers, "Whatever your excellency pleases to give."

This will not do, for the traveler is sure to offer too little or too much and to be thought either a spendthrift or a niggard, so he has to make a speech, thank the landlord for his confidence and beg for a detailed statement.

Then the landlord, politely deprecating anything of the kind, is slowly persuaded to check off the various items upon the fingers of his hand, with a long argument before each successive finger is done with and doubled down.

"What does it come to?" asks the traveler, taking out his purse at last, when the hand and the account are closed.

"What, did his excellency not add up?"

His excellency having been incapable of this act of mental arithmetic, the addition is gone over again, from the little finger backward, with a finger or two perhaps representing forgotten items brought into account from the other hand.

The sum total is gladly paid, and host and guest are mutually content, the guest knowing that he has not been overcharged more than perhaps a thumb and two fingers.

Ancient Needlework.

Some of the oldest needlework extant was found in Egyptian and Egypto-Roman tombs—a rough sort of flaxen cloth, like the bath toweling of our own day. It has loops of wool worked with some kind of needle, raised on one side of the stuff only, and a kind of tapestry partly woven and partly outlined in needlework. The mummies which an insatiable modern curiosity has disturbed are wrapped in linen, as less liable than woolen cloth to the ravages of moth, and the art of weaving the flax that grew so plentifully on the banks of the Nile was probably learned by the Israelites during their sojourn in Egypt.

Ezekiel speaks of "fine linen with broidered work from Egypt." Linen seems the natural ground and foundation of all embroidery. It often lasts longer than the work itself, can be cleaned and will not fray or wear out, as do more costly silks and satins.—London Spectator.

A Bath at Tiflis.

To take a bath at Tiflis is to court a wonderful experience. Abundant springs of water, strongly impregnated with sulphureted hydrogen, supply the building, and in its vaulted chambers, far below the street, there is no sound but the splash of the fountain and the rolling echo of one's own voice. Henry Norman gives a description of the masseur who presides over the bath and makes its most eccentric feature.

"He is a Persian, who speaks but a word or two of Russian. His head is shaved, a rag is twisted round his waist, and his feet are dyed orange.

"First he rubs you, and then suddenly, as you lie face downward on the marble slab, he is upon your back, his feet dug into your spine, his hands grasping your shoulders, to increase the pressure. Slowly, with skillful appreciation of every muscle, his feet grind up and down your back. They encircle your neck. They are on your head.

"Then he vaults lightly off, and in a moment from a linen bag filled with soap he has squeezed clouds of perfumed bubbles, and you are hidden in them from head to foot as completely as if you had fallen into a snowdrift. You are not absolutely bruised, but you are clean."

Sweetness That Never Palls.

During a sleepless night the Vizier Mujjeduddin Kumija dispatched his slave, Bedruddin Ejas, to bring him sweets. The slave procured a copper kettle heaped with many kinds of fruits and sweets, and Mujjeduddin began to eat.

"You relish them, my master?" asked the slave.

The vizier shrugged his shoulders. "These fruits are sweet—for the moment," he said, "but show me a fruit the sweetness of which will endure even unto the judgment day."

"Such fruits there are, my master," cried the slave and hastened toward the Meshed Husa, where he awoke the starving orphans in the house of Allwin and led them forth and into the room of his master. Overjoyed, the famished children devoured the fruits.

"Look, oh, my master," said the slave. Here you see fruits the sweetness of which endures unto the judgment day."—New York Press.

Betrothal Customs.

The Scandinavian bridegroom presents to his betrothed a prayer book and many other gifts, which usually include a goose. She in turn gives him, especially in Sweden, a shirt, and this he invariably wears on his wedding day. Afterward he puts it away, and under no circumstances will he wear it again while alive. But he wears it in his grave, and there are Swedes who earnestly believe not only in the resurrection of the body, but in the veritable resurrection of the betrothal shirts of such husbands as have never broken any of their marriage vows. The Swedish widower must destroy on the eve of his second marriage the bridal shirt which his first wife gave him.

To Boil Water Without a Kettle.

"My wife and I," says a traveling man, "were once in a hotel where we couldn't get any boiling water. After we had discussed the situation my wife asked me if I had an envelope in my satchel. I got one out, when she told me to fill it with water and hold it over the gas jet. I hesitated, but finally did it and expected to see the envelope blaze up every minute. But it didn't blaze. The envelope took on a little soot, but that was all. The water boiled in time, and the envelope was as good as ever when the experiment was at an end. I don't know the chemistry of the process, but try it yourself and see if it will not work."

Politician and Statesman.

"Maw, what's de difference between er politician and er statesman?"

"Well, honey, a mushroom's good ain't it?"

"Yes, 'um."

"And a toadstool is pizen, ain't it?"

"Yes, 'um."

"And dey bof look alike?"

"Yes, 'um."

"Des same difference from a statesman to a politician."—Exchange.

Easily Fixed.

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What He Did.

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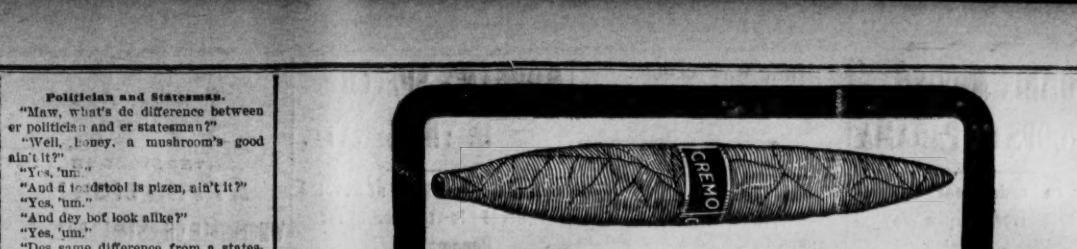

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Bonds		318,800 00	Surplus, etc	183 136 85
Real Estate		80,000 00	Circulation	125 000 00
Cash in Vaults	$ 70,721 76		Deposits	1,345,306 29
In other Banks	336,046 33	406,770 09		
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TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

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Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
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Ar Greenwood	12 23 p m	5 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	8 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

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Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 40 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 43 a m	6 00 p m

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Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
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Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 58 p m
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Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 33 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 08 p m	1 05 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 05 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 56 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	5 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

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Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	6 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa		10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

Daily Ex. Sunday. Daily

Lv Tampa		8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville		7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah		12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston		4 50 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence		7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington		11 20 p m	1 40 p m

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Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M		A. M	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 52	7 27
P. M	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 10.

THE RUMOR ABOUT GORMAN.

Not Absolutely Confirmed by His Friends that He Will Not be a Candidate for the Democratic Nomination.

[*Richmond Times-Dispatch, Special.*]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The rumor in circulation in this city last night, to which attention was called in this correspondence, that Senator Gorman would in a short time issue a statement, in which he would declare that he is not and would not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, is not absolutely confirmed by the friends of the senator. Senator Gorman will not discuss his candidacy for publication.

A representative from one of the Southern States, who is very close to Senator Gorman, says to-day that the rumor is perhaps founded on the very recent declaration made by Senator Gorman to several of his friends that he did not propose to lift his hand in behalf of his candidacy. He said emphatically that he would not take the slightest action looking to the furtherance of his own interests; that he thought the nomination should not be sought, and that he stood ready to give the heartiest support to the nominee of his party. The representative to whom I have referred said he thought the rumor had its origin in this statement of Senator Gorman's.

Two distinguished members of the Senate from the minority, neither of them from Virginia, are authority for the statement that it is the purpose of Senator Gorman to issue a declaration to the effect that he is not a candidate. They are still of the opinion that he will take this action. There appears to be some truth in the report.

THE WENTZ MYSTERY.

Pinkerton Detectives at Work on the Case of the Missing Millionaire.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 9.—A May King, Ky., special says:

"Six extra Pinkerton detectives have arrived at Big Stone Gap to go to work on the millionaire Wentz mystery.

"It is now believed that if murdered at all, young Wentz's body was hidden under some dwelling near a backwoods settlement. This theory is based on the fact that the country was so carefully searched that his body would have been revealed almost certainly had it been disposed of in any other way. Hundreds of persons still disbelieve that young Wentz was murdered. On the contrary, they believe that he is somewhere alive and well and will some day be restored to his family.

VIRGINIA PILOTS.

Courts Affirm Constitutionality of Compulsory Pilotage Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 9.—The case instituted in this city with a view to end disputes as to the constitutionality of the compulsory pilotage laws, has thus far resulted victoriously for the Virginia Pilots' Association. In the Supreme Court of Appeals to-day at Richmond a writ of error was refused in the case of Darden vs. Thompson, from the Norfolk Court of Law and Chancery. This means that the Court of Appeals has decided that the pilotage laws are constitutional, and that the association members have a legal right to collect their charges from ship masters and ship owners.

It is understood that Lawyer Hughes, of counsel for Thompson, will fight the battle out in the United States Supreme Court.

ARRESTED IN MOBILE

Men Believed to be Safe-Blowers Wanted in Jacksonville and Savannah.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 9.—The arrest of Albert W. Driswold alias Duncan, and J. E. Russell, alias Clark, whom the police believe to be two dangerous safe-blowers, was made to-day by local officials sidedby two detectives from Jacksonville, Fla., where Driswold and Clark are wanted for blowing the safe of Cohen Bros. on the night of December 5th. They are also said to be wanted in Savannah, Ga., on a similar charge. More than $1,000 in money and a stick of dynamite, burglar's tools and a lady's jacket containing money were found on the men. They say they are residents of Brooklyn and are electricians. Driswold has tatoo marks on the left leg and Russell is crippled in the left hand.

NEGROES KILL EACH OTHER.

Desperate Hand-to-Hand Fight Between Two Men at Memphis.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 9.—Two negroes employed in a large wholesale grocery house killed each other to-day in a hand-to-hand fight. George Rawlins and Kirk Allen—one armed with a hatchet and the other with a knife—fought over a trivial matter and Rawlins was hacked in a dozen places with the hatchet of his opponent, one stroke piercing his brain and causing instant death. Allen was cut frightfully and died a few hours later.

Senator Tillman has prepared a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire as to the status of nominations that failed in the last session and were renewed at the beginning of the present session of Congress. The inquiry is for the purpose of developing the present position of Gen. Wood in the army and Dr. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C.

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COLOMBIA MOVING TROOPS ON PANAMA

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OTHER FORCES ARE MARCHING

United States Determined to Maintain Independence of Panama—Ready to Dispatch Troops to the Isthmus at Short Notice.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LAGUAIRA, VENEZUELA, Dec. 9.—The French steamer Versailles, which has arrived here from Savanilla, reports that the Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men from Cartagena, near the mouth of the Atrato river (Gulf of Darien) to open a way over the Darien mountains into Panama. Other troops from the department of Cauca, Colombo, are said to be converging on Panama, and from all parts of Colombia troops are marching or awaiting on the result of General Reyes' mission to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, to-day made the authorized statement that the troops from Cartagena have landed near the mouth of the river directly in opposition to the advice of both himself and General Reyes and stated that the LaGuira news was the first information he had received of the reported movement of Colombian troops. He declared, however, that if it is true, as stated, that such movement had taken place, it was without any order from him. Upon coming to Washington as the special representative of the Colombian government, Gen. Reyes temporarily relinquished the command of the Colombian army, the duties falling upon General Castro, second in command. General Reyes confirmed the statement recently made by Admiral Coghlan in a report to the Navy Department, that prior to his departure for Washington he had given instructions to the Colombian troops to make no hostile demonstration until he was heard from, and said that these troops were now awaiting orders, which, however, would not come from him direct, but from the government at Bogota.

The general has been fully informed by the President himself as to the intentions of the government of the United States respecting the Isthmus. He was told by the President that, as was set out in the President's message to Congress, the United States had determined to maintain the independence of the new republic of Panama against all comers. While this guarantee is contained in a treaty now pending before the United States Senate and is yet unratified, the administration has for some past been acting upon the theory that the understanding is in full force. Therefore, all necessary preparations have been made to exert whatever physical force may be necessary to protect the isthmian transit. No Colombian troops will be allowed to cross the frontier into Panama; or, if they cross, they will be ejected in due time.

The policy of the Navy Department with respect to the entry of Colombian troops into Panama was said to-day to be to prevent a conflict before it commenced. To this end the naval commanders in those waters have been given instructions to keep the Colombian troops at a great distance from the isthmus at points where a fight with the Panama troops is likely to occur. In all naval operations, it may be stated on authority, the department is still guided by the treaty of 1845, under which the United States guarantees to keep transit across the isthmus open. A broader interpretation of the duties and responsibilities of this government in this respect has now been given to this treaty, by which the protection of the United States will not alone be confined to the canal strip but to any part of the territory of Panama.

When seen to-day Lieutenant General Young, chief of staff, authorized the statement to be made that the War Department was ready to dispatch troops to the isthmus on short notice, should their presence be demanded.

Although the statement heretofore has been denied, it is learned that the department has taken notice of the repeated reports that Colombian troops were assembling at different points with the avowed purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Panama, and has perfected all military plans to repel such an invasion. General Young said that should he be called upon to assist the navy it would not be necessary to send to the isthmus more than a regiment or two. Although none of the members of the joint army and navy board, which met to-day, would admit that the isthmian situation was under discussion, it is known that such was the case and that both the army and navy are now in a state of preparedness for any conflict with Colombia which might arise.

COLON, Dec. 9.—The United States cruiser Atlanta is still patrolling the eastern end of the San Blas coast and keeping an outlook for any attempt of the present Colombian government to land troops on the isthmus, which the Atlanta would at once prevent. The Atlanta is also endeavoring to ascertain if the Indians know anything of the movements of troops from the interior across the frontier and is also seeking information concerning the alleged concentration of Colombian troops at the mouth of the Atrato river on the gulf of Darien.

The Atrato river being in Colombian territory, the Atlanta of course, could not interfere with any movements of Colombian troops there.

The movements of the Atlanta are entirely of a precautionary nature and for the purpose of securing information.

The United States gunboat Brancroft left to-day to patrol the western end of the San Blasco in co-operation with the Atlanta. It is expected that the latter vessel will return here in a day or two to report.

CALL ISSUED.

For a Meeting of the Democratic National Committee on January 12th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National committee, to-day issued a call for the committee to meet at the Shoreham hotel in this city, Tuesday, January 12, for the purpose of deciding upon the time and place of holding the Democratic National Convention.

Chairman Jones has appointed Edwin Sefton as assistant secretary of the committee.

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ANOTHER WAR CLOUD IN THE FAR EAST.

Russian Squadron at Chemnipo, Corea, to Oppose Opening of Port of Yongampho to the World's Commerce.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Dec. 9.—A strong Russian squadron, consisting of eight warships, including two battleships, has arrived at Chemuipo, Corea, the port of Seoul, the capital, to support Russia's opposition to the proposed opening of Yongampho to the commerce of the world. The Russians threaten to land 3,000 men and march on Seoul should Corea disregard their warning.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Tokio dispatch announcing the arrival of a Russian fleet off Chemulpo was communicated to the Foreign Office here by the Associated Press and was received with apprehension, though it was not confirmed by any foreign office in the Far East. It was said that if the information from Tokio is correct it would almost certainly nullify any negotiations, however pacific, now proceeding between Russia and Japan.

The Japanese legation had no confirmation of the Tokio report, and Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, said to the Associated Press that he was inclined to discredit it.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 9.—Advices received here from Tokio to-day say Russia's reply to the Japanese proposals has not yet been received and it is not believed there that it will be finally decisive, but will probably necessitate further negotiations on the subject of minor details. It is believed that unless Japan's minimum demands are virtually conceded the cabinet at Tokio may decline any amendments. In any case a section of the Japanese Diet is expected to impeach the cabinet for its apparent lack of aggressiveness, but that result is doubtful, as the government can dissolve the house if the opposition threatens to embarrass its foreign policy.

Japan, generally, is calmly awaiting Russia's reply, ready to end the suspense one way or the other, but resolved not to yield anything from her present moderate stand.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The correspondent of the *Times*, at Tokio, says that two Russian cruisers and two battleships having assembled at Chemulpo, M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Corea, accompanied by the admiral commanding the fleet, had an audience with the Emperor, in the course of which it is believed, he grenewed his protest against the opening of Yongampho to foreign commerce.

THE TURKISH VERSION.

Of the Incidents at Alexandretta Complained of by United States Consul Davis.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—The Turkish official report of the incident at Alexandretta complained of by the United States consul, W. R. Davis, has been telegraphed by the Governor of Beirut, Syria, as follows:

"Atta Rian, a native of Kharput, who has for some years been abroad, recently entered the country secretly and had been travelling in the interior with a Turkish passport.

"On his arrival lately at Alexandretta, Atta Rian claimed the protection of the American consul and asked for his assistance to enable him to embark for Egypt. Mr. Davis accordingly notified the authorities, but the latter insisted that the sanction of the governor must be obtained and that the usual formalities be carried out, such as photographing Atta Rian. Mr. Davis refused to tolerate the delay and tried to embark Atta Rian by force. The police arrested Atta Rian at the quay, whereupon Mr. Davis, aided by his military courier, struck the policemen who were wounded, in the faces, and afterwards attempted to force an entrance into the guard house, breaking windows and doors, but unavaillingly. Thereupon Mr. Davis threatened that unless Atta Rian was released and allowed to embark within four hours he would himself leave. Not receiving satisfaction Mr. Davis embarked for Beirut on the same steamer Atta Rian tried to take."

ATTITUDE OF COLOMBIA.

Will Fight to the Last to Maintain its Sovereignty Over the Isthmus of Panama.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BOGOTA, Dec. 7, via Colon, Dec. 9.—A prominent and well informed politician, who is close to the government, when questioned to-day by the Associated Press correspondent, declined to give any expression of opinion concerning the ratification of the canal treaty by the government of the republic of Panama.

The following expression of the attitude of the Colombian government, however, is authorized, the strict censorship preventing a fuller report:

"The statement issued by United States Secretary Hay, in explanation of the violent happenings on the isthmus of Panama, has produced a most unfortunate and disastrous impression in political and diplomatic circles here by reason of its contradictions and its lack of sincerity and logical arguments.

"The Bogota press has answered Secretary Hay's statement in the most convincing manner. The central government is acting and will continue to act with dignity and honor; but it has decided to combat the independence of the isthmus most determinedly and without cessation. Americans here continue to enjoy complete security, despite the indignation of the people."

A CONFESSED THIEF.

South Carolina Negro Who Robbed Harvard Students and Others.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 9.—Clarence Lee, the negro who was arrested at Brockton yesterday, charged by the Federal officers with obtaining by forgery registered packages from the mails, and by the Cambridge police with larceny, to-day confessed to the larceny of goods valued at nearly $2,500 from Harvard students and from express companies. He said he pried open the students' closets with a jimmy. Lee claims that he is a son of former Congressman Lee, of South Carolina, and that he was sent to Harvard to complete his education. After attending three or four months he left because of the death of his father. He made a business of going to the college grounds each day to gather whatever he could, he says.

The charge made by the Federal authorities against Lee is that of representing another in the obtaining of registered letters from the Cambridge postoffice and thus obtaining forty-five tickets to the Yale-Harvard football game which were reported stolen.

MORGAN'S SPEECH IN THE SENATE.

Opposed Cuban Bill But Devoted Most of His Attention to the Panama Canal.

CRITICISED THE PRESIDENT.

Declared the United States Was Practically at War With Colombia—The President Had Fallen into Trap. A Horrible Transaction.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Teller concluded his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill to-day, and Senator Morgan was heard in opposition to that measure. The Alabama senator devoted the greater share of his attention to the Panama canal situation.

Mr. Teller took up the question of the activity of General Wood, while acting as Governor of Cuba, in behalf of Cuban reciprocity with the United States. He said there were official records to show that the Cuban government had paid to exceed $15,000 in that interest during General Wood's administration. He declared that the press of both the United States and Cuba had been utilized in support of the policy of reciprocity, and quoted figures showing the amounts paid for newspapers advocating this policy.

Mr. Morgan took occasion in the course of his remarks to refer frequently to the Panama canal treaty and in that connection he again freely criticised what he denominated "Presidential usurpation." He declared that the United States is becoming affected to the core with covetousness, and said the country seemed to quivering with doubt as to whether it should go over entirely or pursue the better course followed by our national fathers. So far as he was concerned he would not be so mean as to yield to a temptation to simply advance the commercial interests of his State. He spoke of the 20 per cent. reduction guaranteed by the bill to Cuban products, but warned the people that it might turn out to be a Spooner bill, which this government may evade or not as it sees. Indeed, he asserted, that the United States would do as it might please with the island of Cuba which he declared is little more than a dependency. "She is," he said, "Now fettered to the docks of our warships as firmly as Prof. Langley's airship was ever attached to his houseboats."

He spoke of the negotiation of the Panama canal treaty as a grotesque action and said that Panama had no more right to appoint a minister to the United States than that country had to consecrate a saint.

Mr. Morgan said that Cuba would do well to give careful heed to our purposes in the legislation under consideration. They should not follow the old adage not to look a gift horse in the mouth, for in this case "the gift horse is a broncho which greets them with a whinney and may send them away with a kick."

Returning to the Panama situation, Mr. Morgan said that the United States is practically at war with Colombia as the result of the fact that the President had fallen into a trap. He wanted, he said, to save the Senate from this same trap, and again referred to Bunean-Varilla, the Panama minister, and after reviewing briefly that gentleman's history as an engineer and contractor on the Panama canal, he said that he had "contracted wisely and well and had left the isthmus a rich man."

Mr. Morgan declared that he had no purpose of creating a sensation, but that his whole purpose was to warn the Senate against ratifying a treaty, the negotiation of which he characterized as "A most wretched, a most abominable and a most horrible transaction." Notwithstanding this was the case, the senator continued, "The Senate sleeps over this breach of the Monroe doctrine, while the President of France and the President of the United States stand over the recumbent figure and intone in unison their solemn and satisfied amen."

He expressed the opinion that the cost of the Panama canal in its early stages would be so great as to cause Congress to stop the appropriation before the enterprise had gone far and thus accomplish the purpose of the transcontinental railways in preventing the construction of any canal.

Discussing the President's message, he said the chief executive had failed to execute the Spooner law because it was distasteful to him and that he had not succeeded in formulating any satisfactory excuse for his course. He predicted that the time would come when Cuba would "clip the threads that restrain her and bind her to us, and again float off into the sea of liberty." In such an effort, he continued, Cuba might find a friend in Germany, which might follow our example and create a state of independence in a night and then annex it with the coming sunrise. No doubt there would be fighting, for who, he said, is more eager to fight than Emperor William III or our own "strenuous" President.

He then proceeded to say that only yesterday he had met a great Democrat who "had a place in our affairs only second in importance to the presidency and had made a name for himself in diplomacy (evidently meaning former Secretary of State Olney) who had bowed his head as he said: 'For the first time in my life I have to confess that I am ashamed of the attitude of my country.'"

Mr. Morgan, reverting again to Cuba, said: "Our relations with that island ought to remain as they are, so far as our economic policy is concerned, or she ought to be admitted as a State."

Mr. Morgan closed by reading an article from the *Financial News*, of London, of which he said: "If that is true, or if it is a presentation in advance of the consequences that are to follow, we have got to fight Great Britain on account of this treaty or else we have got to be disgraced."

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

Mr. Payne, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported when the House convened a resolution providing for the reference of the President's message to committees and the House went into committee of the whole with Mr. Burkett, of Nebraska, in the chair, for its consideration. The resolution passed unanimously.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, placed Mr. Kline, Democrat, on the Committee on Manufactures as an additional member, and Mr. Rodey, delegate from New Mexico, on the Committee on Territories as an additional member.

Mr. Dearmond, amid applause on the minority side, asked if it would be in order to request that an additional member of the minority be added to each of the sixteen big committees?

The Speaker said that stream would be passed when reached.

Mr. Dearmond then said that in order to relieve the Speaker of embarrassment he would ask unanimous consent for the additional minority representation on those committees. Mr. Payne objected.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER.

Verdict in Case of Man on Trial for Killing His 17-Year-Old Son.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, GA., Dec. 9.—In the Superior Court here to-night, a jury returned a verdict of voluntary manslaughter against R. H. Burton, who was on trial for killing his seventeen year old son. The killing occurred in this city September 5th, 1903.

The father alleged that the son cursed him and threatened to kill him and that before he knew what he was doing he had drawn his knife and stabbed his boy to death. James Burton, another son, was a prosecuting witness in the case.

UPBUILDING THE NAVY.

Congress Urged Not to Relax Efforts for Increased Naval Construction.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Chairman FOSS, of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, had a conference with the President to-day regarding the attitude of Congress during the present session toward increased naval construction. The subject is being given careful consideration by the President and by Congress. The President has urged Congress not to relax its efforts in the upbuilding of the navy, and has said that provision should be made for a general staff of the navy similar to that provided for the army.

No conclusion yet has been reached regarding the appropriation to be made at the present session for the construction of war vessels. Opposition to great appropriations for naval construction has developed among some influential members of both the Senate and the House, but on the other hand, the sentiment in favor of continuing the authorization of fighting ships is very strong, Mr. Foss declined to indicate what, in his opinion, might be the result of the general discussion of the question.

WARM WIRELETS

The New York Stock Exchange will be closed on Saturday, December 26th, the day after Christmas, as well as on Christmas.

The town of Abbott, Texas, eight miles south of Hillsboro, was almost wiped out by fire. Fifteen buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of $75,000.

L. C. Riggs, president of the Chattanooga Ice Company, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon in a collision between his automobile and a car of the Chattanooga Electric Line.

The dedication of the army Y. M. C. A. building, at Old Point, which was presented to Fort Monroe by Miss Helen Gould, of New York, took place yesterday with interesting ceremonies.

The submarine torpedo boat Moccasin is still hard ashore at Currituck. Efforts to float her Tuesday were fruitless and a large hawser from the wrecking tug Hercules parted during the morning attempt.

Senator Scott, of West Virginia, says that the story to the effect that he is trying to secure a delegation from his State for Hanna for President is untrue. "Senator Hanna is not a candidate for President," he said.

Frank Adams, a negro, was convicted in Birmingham, Ala., of the murder of Dave Lee, also a negro, and was given the death sentence. Both men were convicts and were serving terms for murder, Adams thirty years, and Lee a life sentence.

The Southern Hosiery Manufacturers Association have decided to advance prices five per cent. on January 1. A further advance of 10 per cent. is contemplated. The old officers were re-elected. The next meeting will be held in Charlotte, N. C.

Henry Farley, walking delegate of the painters' union, who committed perjury in connection with the trial of Samuel J. Parks, pleaded guilty and was sentenced yesterday in New York to not less than one year nor more than two years in the State's prison.

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Notice—I will apply to the Board of Aldermen and County Commissioners at the next meeting to retail spirituous and malt liquors at 13th Market street. H. Steijen. nov 11 30t

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 307 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 218 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. je 30 tf

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Ones and Their Fathers and Mothers.

Considering the list of presents and toys we carry, we would like to impress the people with the fact that we carry something to please all. Mothers making out their list of holiday gifts would do well to remember that Santa Claus makes his headquarters with us. We have been working hard this week to make room in our big store to show our goods. We have succeeded and now we have them on exhibition. As to the line of dolls we carry, we feel sure we will save you money and give you a chance to select from the largest stock in the city. To describe our dolls we have not the room, but will say that we can please even the most fastidious. Our prices for handsome dolls are from 50c. up to $6 each. Our $1, $1.50, and $2 dolls are hand made and of the very best work. We also have a very large line for the wholesale trade as well as the retail trade in the cheap line. Strong numbers from 10c up, and our 25c dolls are extra values. Our 50c line is the very best we have ever had. We have about 200 dolls on hand that were left from last year which we will sell at just half price—a 50c doll for 25c, a 25c doll for 13c, a 10c doll for 5c. In toys we have every class of goods—children's go-carts from 25c to $2 98 and carriages from 25c to $3, wagons from 10c up to $4.50, velocipedes from $1.50 to $3.50.

Books.

In this line of goods we have just received 150 new novels, all cloth bound and splendid print; all representing standard works. We will sell on Monday our 25c books for 9c each, only one to a customer. In toy books, Christmas cards and calendars, we are handling Raphael Tuck's line known the world over as the best there is in it. We sell children's books from 5c to $1.25. Christmas cards from 1c up to 25c; calendars from 5c up to 75c each. Our books are all on display and we will be glad to have you look them over. We have a full supply of horses, mechanical toys, guns and toys of all kinds for the boys.

Fireworks.

In this line of goods we will be glad to sell you for Christmas display, and give you special prices on quantities. If you are thinking of buying fireworks of any kind, we will like to say that we will have lots of them to sell, and we will sell them cheap.

Ladies' Cloaks.

We are expecting in Monday a big shipment of new cloaks. Our trade in this department has been phenomenal, never half so good before. We have lots of them on hand now that we are selling from $2 75 up to $12.50 each. Our $4, $5, $6 and $7 cloaks are new and stylish and the prices are right. If you give them a look you will be sure to buy. In our line of Military Cloaks we have had to make three additional orders by express this week. They seem to be what the ladies want, as they can easily recognize the style and value. The prices are from $7.50, $9, $10 and $12.50 each.

Children's Cloaks.

We are selling lots of children's Cloaks. In buying this Fall we were very liberal and bought a great many and we must sell them, and for the next three weeks we will make special prices and offer a rebate of 10 per cent. on children's and infant's small and long Cloaks; ages from one to five years old.

Furs.

For a Christmas present there is hardly anything nicer than a Fur Collarette and they are sure to please the ladies. We have them at all prices, from $1 to $15 each. Our $2 50 to $5 Furs are beauties and ladies always appreciate a good Fur. We have a great many to show and can suit you as to price and quality.

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,131,992 44	Capital	$ 50,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250 00 00	Surplus and net profits	104,806 80
Bank Building	25,000 00	Circulation	9 0,650 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	718 1 6 94	Deposits	1,627,140 96
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Comparative statement of deposits,
Nov. 17th, 1901, $673,308 98. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,627,140 96.

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